

REMARKS

This is a Preliminary Amendment submitted with the filing of the above referenced application, which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 10/171,721.

In accordance with the three-way Restriction Requirement entered in the parent case, Applicants have amended the application to prosecute claims directed to the tape ribbon cartridge, as set forth in Claims 7-10 of the original application. Additional dependant Claims 24-32 have been added to the application.

New claims have been added which specify that the resistive value of the resistive ink identifier is a function of a physical characteristic of the identifier, e.g., the length of the identifier; the width of the identifier; and the material used to form the identifier (see specification, ¶29 and the original Claims 17-19).

Applicant has also amended the specification, consistent with amendments to the parent application, to correct various spelling errors identified in the specification. Additionally, Applicant has amended Paragraph 38 of the specification to specify that the invention may include a display to include information representative of usage data and the amount of ink left in the ink cartridge. The additional description finds support in Paragraph 48 of the specification, as well as in original claim 4. Figure 4a has also been amended to include the display 44.

In view of the foregoing all claims are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Should any outstanding matters remain the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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